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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR PATENT

MAR 15 2004

OF: Yasuyuki KANADA et al.

| ART UNIT: 3724

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TRANSMITTED HERewith IS A RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF NOVEMBER 14, 2003, IN THE ABOVE IDENTIFIED PATENT APPLICATION COMPRISING 16 PAGES. A ONE MONTH TERM EXTENSION AND FORM PTO-2038 ARE ENCLOSED.

FILING THIS RESPONSE ON MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2003 IS TIMELY BECAUSE MARCH 14, 2004 WAS A SUNDAY, AND THE PERIOD FOR RESPONSE HAS BEEN EXTENDED WITH THE ENCLOSED TERM EXTENSION REQUEST AND FEE PAYMENT.

NO ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE IS REQUIRED, AS SHOWN BELOW.

CLAIMS RE-MAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY	OR	LARGE ENTITY	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL: 16	MINUS: 20	0	X=\$		X=\$ 0	=\$ 0
INDEP: 2	MINUS: 3	0	X=\$		X=\$ 0	=\$ 0
					TOTAL ADDITION. FEE DUE:	=\$ 0

CERTIFICATE OF FAX TRANSMISSION:

I hereby certify that this correspondence with all indicated enclosures is being transmitted by telefax to (703) 872-9306 on the date indicated below, and is addressed to: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450.

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Name: Walter F. Fasse - Date: March 15, 2004

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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF NOVEMBER 14, 2003. INCLUDING  
AN ATTACHED TERM EXTENSION REQUEST AND AN ATTACHED COVER SHEET  
WITH CERTIFICATE OF TELEFAX TRANSMISSION

Dear Sir:

The period for response has been extended with the enclosed  
**ONE month** Term Extension Request and fee payment (Credit Card  
Payment Form PTO-2038). Filing this Response on Monday, March  
15, 2003 is timely because March 14, 2004 was a Sunday.

Please amend the above identified application as follows.

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